

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 COPENH 02177 311124Z

11

ACTION OES-05

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 NSF-02 PM-03 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 NASA-02 SSO-00 INRE-00 /032 W

----- 017517

O 311101Z JUL 75 ZFF-2

FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1286

INFO CSAF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

AFCRL HANSCOM AFB IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS COPENHAGEN 2177

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TPHY OCLR DA GL

SUBJ: BALLOON FLIGHTS FROM GREENLAND

REF: STATE 175472

SUMMARY: DANISH AUTHORITIES IN MFA AND MINISTRY FOR GREENLAND ARE UNABLE TO GRANT CLEARANCE FOR BALLOON FLIGHTS REQUESTED REFTEL ON BASIS OF THE INFORMATION THUS FAR PROVIDED. THEY ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT ADVANCE NOTICE FOR FILING A NOTAM - SIX WEEKS NORMALLY, FOUR WEEKS MINIMUM - WAS NOT OBSERVED IN MAKING THE REQUEST. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY WAIVERS CAN STILL BE ARRANGED, BUT POSTPONEMENT OF THE PROJECT UNTIL NEXT YEAR WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO SOME DANISH AUTHORITIES INVOLVED. END SUMMARY.

1) IN FOLLOWING UP ITS REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE (SUBMITTED BY NOTE ON JULY 17 TO MFA), THE EMBASSY LEARNED THAT DANISH AUTHORITIES WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY APPROVING BALLOON FLIGHTS FOR TWO REASONS (A) INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION AND (B) LACK OF ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF CLASS II NOTAM BY DANISH DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION.

2) DANISH AUTHORITIES ARE WILLING TO WAIVE NOTAM ADVANCE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 COPENH 02177 311124Z

NOTICE, HOWEVER, AND WILL ISSUE NOTAM'S BY TELEX

TO NECESSARY RECIPIENTS, BUT THEY NEED FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER FOR FINAL DANISH
APPROVAL TO BE GRANTED.

(A) SIZE OF THE BALLOONS AND THEIR SCIENTIFIC PAYLOAD
PACKAGE;

(B) NATURE OF THE LIFTING GAS;

(C) EXPECTED FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS (HOW LONG TO REACH
FLOAT ALTITUDE?).

(D) EXACT DESCRIPTION OF CUT-DOWN SYSTEM. TYPE AND
NATURE OF CUT-DOWN EQUIPMENT (DANISH REGULATIONS
APPARENTLY REQUIRE INDEPENDENT, BACK-UP SYSTEM);

(E) DESCRIPTION OF RADAR REFLECTORS AND OTHER SAFETY
EQUIPMENT;

(F) RADION FREQUENCIES TO BE EMPLOYED;

(G) INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHANNEL BY WHICH NOTAM
NOTICES WILL BE FILED WITH DANISH AUTHORITIES.

3) EMBOFF CONFERRED WITH DR. JORGEN TAAGHOLT, SCIENTIFIC
LIAISON OFFICER FOR MINISTRY OF GREENLAND, WHO CONFIRMED
THAT THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS IN MFA AND MINISTRY FOR
GREENLAND WERE IN A QUANDARY OVER THE LATE RECEIPT OF
THE NSF REQUEST. (TAAGHOLT HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH
THEM AFTER TELECON FROM AIR FORCE CAMBRIDGE RESEARCH
LABORATORY.) TAAGHOLT EXPLAINED THAT HIS ASSISTANT,
P.STAUNING, WHO HAS BEEN DANISH COLLABORATOR ON THIS
PROJECT, HAD TWICE WARNED PROJECT SCIENTISTS THAT RE-
QUEST FOR APPROVAL HAD TO BE SUBMITTED SEVERAL WEEKS IN
ADVANCE. WHEN NO FURTHER WORD HAD BEEN RECEIVED, STAUNING
HAD MADE OTHER LANS TO ACCOMPANY AN EXPEDITION TO
NORTHEAST GREENLAND AND HE WILL NOT, THEREFORE, BE
AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S
QUERY, TAAGHOLT ADMITTED THAT THE FOURTEEN SCIENTIFIC
GROUND STATIONS IN GREENLAND UNDER HIS LABORATORY'S CONTROL
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 COPENH 02177 311124Z

COULD BE USED IN PROVIDING THE DATA REQUIRED WITHOUT
STAUNING'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT
TAAGHOLDT WOULD PREFER A POSTPONEMENT OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT
UNTIL NEXT SUMMER.

4) ON THE OTHER HAND, THE MINISTRY FOR GREENLAND OFFICIAL
INVOLVED EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE PROJECT
AGAIN ON PRIORITY BASIS AS SOON AS THE ADDITIONAL INFORMA-

TION WAS RECEIVED. ASSUMING THAT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ARE
MET, HE IMPLIED THAT GREEN LIGHT WOULD BE GIVEN.
CROWE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: METEOROLOGICAL BALLOONS, FLIGHT CLEARANCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975COPENH02177
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750264-0301
From: COPENHAGEN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t1975071/aaaaaafh.tel
Line Count: 118
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 175472
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hartledg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 OCT 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 OCT 2003 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <15 JAN 2004 by hartledg>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BALLOON FLIGHTS FROM GREENLAND
TAGS: TPHY, OCLR, DA, GL
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006